



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

18 VAC 60-20 – Regulations Governing the Practice of Dentistry
Department of Health Professions
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Dentistry (Board) proposes to amend its regulations to include a fee for inspecting dental offices pursuant to disciplinary proceeding orders.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for this proposed change.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently the Board's regulations do not include a fee for inspection of dental offices during disciplinary proceedings. Instead, the \$350 fee is written into the disciplinary proceeding orders. The Board proposes to amend its regulations so that this inspection fee is listed in the regulatory fee schedule.

Because dentists and dental offices are already charged this fee as part of disciplinary proceedings, they are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action. To the extent that any interested individuals may have been unsure about what these office inspections cost, including this fee in the text of the regulations will provide the benefit of clarity.

Businesses and Entities Affected

This regulatory change may affect any dentist who is the subject of disciplinary proceedings. The Department of Health Professions (DHP) reports that 22 dentists have had to pay this fee in the last two years.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no affect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a

statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.